

1 13. (As filed) The pair of oligonucleotide primers according to claim 12, one of which is  
2 labeled with a detectable marker.

1 14. (Amended) The pair of oligonucleotides according to claim 12 [or claim  
2 13], capable of hybridizing under suitably stringent conditions to a region either side of a  
3 region of microsatellite repeats at D4S3032 or D4S2921.

1 15. (As filed) The pair of oligonucleotide primers according to claim 14, comprising the  
2 oligonucleotide sequences identified by SEQ ID NO: 1 and SEQ ID NO: 2 or substantially similar sequences, for  
3 D4S3032\*5; or the oligonucleotide sequences identified by SEQ ID NO: 3 and SEQ ID NO: 4 or substantially  
4 similar sequences, for D4S2921\*13.

1 16. (Amended) An assay kit which comprises the pair of oligonucleotide  
2 primers according to [any one of] claim[s] 12 [to 15].

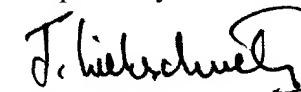
REMARKS

Amendments to claims 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14 and 16 have been made to remove  
multiple claim dependency.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of  
this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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